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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Anatole Re NOSENKO

1. On 31 March and 1 and 2 April 1969, Anatole was consulted about the NOSENKO case as a follow-up to the late January 1969 meetings. He gave recommendations concerning the procedures and topics to be covered during the beginning phases of additional elicitation from NOSENKO which is to begin soon.

2. To provide a basis for discussion certain papers had been prepared for Anatole's review. (See Attachment A for list.) These papers were basically questionnaires about some of the unresolved or questionable aspects of the NOSENKO case based largely on the central themes Anatole had highlighted on 17 January 1969 when he commented after reviewing the October 1967-December 1968 interviews of NOSENKO. (See transcripts KY 1, 2, 3 and 4.) Other papers concerned topics related to the NOSENKO case, memoranda NOSENKO had written, summaries and questionnaires prepared from both collateral information and NOSENKO's information

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and summaries and questionnaires prepared exclusively on the basis of information obtained from NOSENKO during the 1967-68 interview period. Each of these papers was read by Anatole. Anatole's comment, our discussion, or any comment is detailed in Attachment B, which sets forth crucial questions in the NOSENKO case.

3. Anatole was told The Director had decided that the question of NOSENKO's bona fides had not been resolved and had directed that additional elicitation and questioning of NOSENKO would be undertaken immediately and expeditiously pursued. It was understood, of course, as Anatole knew, that he was to make a major contribution to the questioning of NOSENKO and that information to this end would be made available to him: there will be the closest coordination with him, including a timely review of future transcripts based on the new elicitation phase. It was understood his views, comments and recommendations will be transmitted and seriously considered if not explicitly implemented. Anatole emphasized the need for him to review in advance all topics, if not in all cases the specific questions, to be discussed with NOSENKO after the new elicitation phase begins. He understands the new elicitation phase will begin with Attachment C and that there will be no additional topics discussed

with NOSENKO until after Anatole has an opportunity to review them and comment.

4. The following summary points emerged during the course of our discussions as things which must be considered in the NOSENKO case information and as papers or questionnaires are outlined and topics selected for further elicitation from NOSENKO:

a. NOSENKO, as I understand the situation, has had full access to newspapers, magazines, radio and TV since approximately August 1968. Anatole was told I have no knowledge of the periodicals or books he has read.

b. NOSENKO has recently been afforded a controlled break from isolation and an opportunity to have feminine companionship.

c. Since December 1968 the FBI has been interviewing NOSENKO about topics previously discussed as well as other matters of interest to the FBI which do not originate with NOSENKO. Anatole noted that FBI access to NOSENKO must be controlled according to the new elicitation procedures.

d. That it is my opinion only that NOSENKO may think he is entering into or close to entering into a new relationship with the Agency on the basis that he has

satisfactorily answered all questions during the period 1967-68.

e. That it has not been possible and it may never be possible to isolate or pinpoint either the exact information or the point in time when NOSENKO was given new information or additional information which might be relevant upon analysis to the question of his bona fides or his mission.

f. To date there has been a concentration on preparing elicitation questions on the basis of information obtained during 1967-68 period because (a) this is the information Anatole has reviewed, and (b) this information has been considered to be the standard for assessing NOSENKO and his information and arriving at conclusions, since these interviews were designed to elicit information which would help resolve discrepancies apparent in his previous statements, and (c) at this time this information is better organized and in contrast to information from 1962, 1964, etc., is retrievable as an accurate or literal NOSENKO statement.

g. That the summaries and questionnaires prepared to date may not include every comment or statement NOSENKO has made during the 1967-68 period because it has not yet been possible to isolate, by indexing and extraction, every

reference to a person or a topic. Anatole was told that the sorting or isolation process has been completed only through Memorandum N-188, from a total of approximately 260 memoranda. It was emphasized that most topics and persons were discussed with NOSENKO several times at varying intervals, and that the majority of topics were not covered to completion in one or two interviews. NOSENKO also wrote memoranda on topics which may not have been covered during interview or which may relate to interview topics but which have not yet been correlated with the interviews.

h. That research and analysis on most topics is incomplete, both with respect to collateral information and previous statements from NOSENKO.

i. That, as Anatole knows, there is certain collateral or related information such as information from the FBI concerning NOSENKO which has not been made available to him. Anatole realizes this type of information may be vital to any consideration of the NOSENKO case and he also points out the possible if not probable relationship between FBI information and sources and the problem of penetration of American intelligence and Soviet disinformation. He hopes the FBI will agree to release pertinent information to him and discuss

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sources in the near future. He realizes any analysis or assessment of the NOSENKO case will suffer to the extent information is withheld from him. Anatole understands the problem even though he obviously does not accept it as logical or helpful. He stresses the need for us to press the FBI to make appropriate information available to him.

j. That information we are dealing with in the transcripts of the 1967-68 NOSENKO interviews is not necessarily information previously known to or discussed with NOSENKO and that, for instance, the body of information resulting from the 1967-68 information has been expanded considerably by NOSENKO's review of hundreds of names and photographs provided him. It was also noted that it has not yet been possible to isolate topics new to NOSENKO about which he was asked to comment during this period. Neither have we been able to isolate or determine when in the past new topics or questions of possible significance were introduced to NOSENKO.

4. We discussed in detail Anatole's recommendations and evolved an initial selection of Crucial Questions (Attachment B) and from these the first topics and/or questions to begin in the new elicitation phase with NOSENKO (Attachment C).

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Anatole expects to review and comment and to frame additional questions after he reviews the transcripts of the first elicitation. He has requested and expects, as this can be accomplished, to review and comment about a summary of each Crucial Question. The summary is to set forth both collateral and NOSENKO information and detail, with attachments if necessary, exactly what NOSENKO has said. Also, pertinent photographs and appropriate other documentation is to be attached for comment or verification of identity by Anatole. Anatole insists that he review and assist in the framing of all questions to be asked of NOSENKO and he states that he will stipulate the order of questioning by both topic and specific question where appropriate. He will specify or indicate areas as set forth in Attachment C where questioning may proceed without his detailed guidance but he expects to be consulted about each topic. He plans to carefully tailor the elicitation approach and, more importantly, to set down detailed guidelines to follow when the elicitation or questioning becomes more direct and concerned with those subjects considered, now or later as revised, Crucial Questions. Anatole foresees a period of relatively bland elicitation which will be followed by a gradual sharpening of questions to the point where there will be a confrontation or hostile interrogation. He also foresees

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another polygraph examination either before or after the period of confrontation. The method or approach to the elicitation from NOSENKO is elaborated in Attachment C. Anatole's recommendations about confrontation tactics will follow after the results of the elicitation phase have been analyzed. During the period NOSENKO is being asked to comment initially, work on additional elicitation topics will continue.

5. Anatole continues to express his concern about the problem of an Agency penetration and his absolute belief that there is a continuing need to strictly compartment as many aspects of our research as possible and to restrict knowledge about our continuing efforts and particularly the details to get to the bottom of the NOSENKO case. He emphasizes the need to severely limit dissemination of the results of the elicitation from NOSENKO although he understands it will be necessary to provide the results to the FBI. He is concerned about the dissemination of his KY tapes and the possible implications since he now believes he may have erred in outlining too many areas of concern in the context of considering NOSENKO's bona fides. Anatole was told the KY tapes have not yet been made available to the

FBI but that, of course, he would be advised about any proposal or decision to disseminate them.

6. In relation to the point about Anatole's concern about knowledge of his information I told Anatole that it would be necessary for him to comment in detail in the future as he had recently on certain items. He was told that, as he knew, we are at a stage in the NOSENKO case where details such as the organizational assignments of individuals and identifications and the number of leads provided were tending to obscure the Crucial Questions and divert our attention from the central problem of why NOSENKO would have been dispatched. I told Anatole quite frankly there was a feeling he had not been fully cooperative on the NOSENKO case. There was a belief that he should furnish the details of his knowledge about individuals, operations, the KGB, etc., so that others can try to judge the accuracy or inaccuracy of NOSENKO's information. Anatole was told that it would come as no surprise to him to learn that the fact he has not told everything he knows is still a problem and that there may be some misunderstandings since it is obvious his detailed knowledge has had and will have a direct bearing on the NOSENKO case. Anatole firmly

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but amicably reaffirmed his position concerning cooperation on the NOSENKO case. He said (a) it was obvious that research to date and collateral information supports his position that NOSENKO is a dispatched agent; (b) that he will continue to cooperate fully as he has when there has been an exchange of information; (c) that he would not give details now because to do so would result in a situation where it is "Anatole against NOSENKO" and it is obvious that more evidence than this is required for an objective conclusion about NOSENKO; (d) that details will follow after research is analyzed or during the process of analysis as we examine information and the details are pertinent; (e) that it is unnecessary for him at this time to give additional details about personnel or the KGB organization except when these details reflect on major items -- overall these details are not crucial and there is nothing to gain by considering small items and details. If, however, small details become a major point such as in connection with KOVSHUK, CHURANOV, GUK and GRYAZNOV then during the review he will pinpoint the specific and detailed contradictions. He reiterated his previous comments pointed to the waste of time and diversion involved in pursuing details and leads to recruitments or persons of interest to the KGB when there is nothing crucial or significant involved.

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7. It was agreed I would meet with Anatole when the first elicitation results are ready or when additional pertinent research has been completed and there are papers or ideas to discuss.

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